

indicated in red therein. In particular, this figure has been amended by changing the leftmost occurrence of 41j to ---41i---.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve entry of the above-noted change to the drawing of the present application. This change does not introduce any prohibited new matter into the present application but rather merely eliminate a typographical error noted in the Official Action of September 11, 2002.

Furthermore, Applicants are also submitting a new formal drawing page by separate letter to the Official Draftsperson incorporating the above-noted change, as it is assumed that the Examiner will approve the above-noted change. The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate the acceptance of the formal drawings and provide an indication that the drawings are now acceptable.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend specification as follows (**Marked-up copies of the amended paragraphs are provided at the end of this response**):

Please replace the paragraph beginning page 4, line 21, with the following:

---a plurality of positive electrode plates and a plurality of negative electrode plates that are alternately stacked upon one another with intervening separators therebetween, thereby constituting a group of electrode plates, wherein lateral edges of the positive electrode plates protrude beyond the negative electrode plates on one side, and lateral edges